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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR CONTEXT PERSONALIZED WEB  
BROWSING BASED ON A BROWSER COMPANION AGENT AND ASSOCIATED  
SERVICES

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#### RULE 131 DECLARATION

I am one of the co-inventors of US Application No. 09/933,861 and am familiar with its contents and the inventions described therein.

The Inventions disclosed and claimed in the application, including those recited in claims 1-53, were developed by the undersigned inventors while we were employed by eBoodle.com, which was eventually acquired by Bizrate.com in the Spring of 2000.

By at least as early as about November 1999, the subject matter recited in at least claims 1, 6, 26 and 41 was implemented online in working software code for public or private access (hereinafter the "online implementation" in the United States and worldwide as a downloadable program (the "eBoodle Bar") that interfaced with remote computers managed over the internet. The online implementation was provided through www.eBoodle.com from which the eBoodle Bar was downloadable. The implemented subject matter was found to suitably work for its intended purpose well before June 21, 2000. In more particularity, the implemented subject, as existing before June 21, 2000, included systems, codes and methods located and performed in the United States, as follows:

1  
2 (i) The eBoodle Bar was software in the nature of a browser companion agent  
3 for context personal browsing that was downloaded to a consumer or "client"  
4 computer system and which interacted with remote computers managed by  
5 eBoodle.com.

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7 (ii) The remote computer system was provided by Eboodle.com and received  
8 data from the client computer system having the browser companion agent.

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10 (iii) The browser companion agent included one or more one associated  
11 service modules that assisted a user of the client computer system by providing  
12 services that were contextually relevant to content on a browser on the client  
13 computer system, the data received by the remote computer system being  
14 determined according to the content page present on a browser of the client  
15 computer system and/or the user associated with the client computer system.

16  
17 (iv) From the page data at least one set of data and/or executable code that  
18 corresponded to a service module associated with the browser companion agent  
19 was determined.

20 (v) The data or code was sent to the browser companion agent for use by a  
21 service modules.

22  
23 (vi) The remote computer system of eBoodle.com was configured to send and  
24 did send service modules for context personal browsing to the client computer  
25 system. The service module included executable code.

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27 (vii) The service modules consisted of code relating to providing a user of a  
28 client computer system information relating to an actual or potential ecommerce  
29 transaction;

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31 (viii) a data component for holding data related to one or more service modules;  
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1 (ix) a tracking component for tracking the domain of a page presented on a  
2 browser and communicating page domain data to a remote computer system; and  
3  
4 (x) a receiving component for receiving data from the remote computer  
5 system responsive to the page domain data, a service module being installable in  
6 the service component of the client computer system, the service module being  
7 sent to the client computer system also being useful to a user of the client  
8 computer considering an ecommerce transaction.  
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10 In corroboration of the foregoing statements, the following information is  
11 presented.  
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13 Attached as Exhibit 1 are copies of web pages from the eBoodle.com site for  
14 dates between November 27, 1999, and May 30, 2000, as retrieved from  
15 [http://web.archive.org/web/\\*/http://www.eboodle.com](http://web.archive.org/web/*/http://www.eboodle.com) in May of 2006. The dates are  
16 shown as part of the address of the archiving website from which they were retrieved and  
17 are bracketed according to year (yy), month (mm), and day (dd).  
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19 Exhibit 1 shows that the eBoodle Bar was downloadable and configured to  
20 interact with services provided by eBoodle.com. (Ex.1, pp.1-11.) The bar is described as  
21 a shopping assistant that interacts with a user's web browser. (Ex.1, p.2.) It also  
22 describes the services that the eBoodle Bar makes available through the eBoodle.com  
23 website as automatic form filling, transaction tracking, cash back programs, and referral  
24 programs. (Ex. 1, p.3.)  
25

26 The launch of the eBoodle bar was the subject of a number of press reports or  
27 releases.

28 (i) For example, Forbes.com published reports on the eBoodle bar on or  
29 about December 2, 1999 and on or about December 17, 1999 ("Are you ready for  
30 e-shopping assistants," "Raising the Bar," Exhibit 2). The December 2, 1999  
31 article characterizes the bar as an emerging technology and states that the

1 “software, called the eBoodle bar, has features such as automatic form-filling and  
2 transaction record keeping along with comparison-shopping features.”

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4 (ii) Exhibit 3 contains a compilation of press releases and news reports dated  
5 before June 21, 2000 concerning the eBoodle Bar. Among them, Google.com  
6 issued a press release on or about December 7, 1999 announcing a partnership  
7 with eBoodle.com regarding search engine technology. (“eBoodle.com and  
8 Google Team to Deliver Powerful Online Shopping Assistant,” Exhibit 3.)

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10 (iii) Inventor Anil Kamath states he was familiar with this press release at the  
11 time it was issued in December 1999 and is quoted in it. In its press release,  
12 Google states that eBoodle.com “is the first company of its kind to combine a  
13 product and store search feature, price comparison engine, cash-back program,  
14 automatic form-filler, and transaction management into a comprehensive solution  
15 that truly enhances consumers’ online shopping.” This was an correct and  
16 accurate statement as of on or about December 7, 1999.

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18 I believe that each of the attached press reports and releases is accurate and  
19 correctly reflects the nature of the eBoodle Bar and services that had been implemented  
20 online before June 21, 2000.

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22 Well before June 21, 2000, detailed documentation of the browser companion  
23 agent and server system, as implemented online in software on or before June 21, 2000  
24 had been prepared. Attached as Exhibit 4 is an overview of the “eBoodle Architecture.”  
25 This document was prepared by one or more co-inventors. Based on my personal  
26 knowledge or on my information and belief: this document existed at least as early as  
27 about May 1, 2000; it was sent to patent attorney, Bradley Ganz on May 1, 2000, as  
28 evidenced by the cover email; and it describes the software and online system  
29 implemented by eBoodle.com.

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31 The claim features can be found throughout the document, for example:

- 1 (i) an agent [browser companion agent] that monitors the pages seen by a  
2 user on a browser window (Ex.4, p.1, para.2);  
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- 4 (ii) the agent is associated with one or more service modules that assist a user  
5 by providing services that are contextually relevant to content on a browser (Ex.4,  
6 diagram of architecture, p.1);  
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- 8 (iii) the agent sending information about the browsed page to a receiving  
9 server provided by eBoodle.com [the received data being determined according to  
10 the this content page] (Ex.4, p.1, para.2);  
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- 12 (iv) the server uses the page information to determine context and to return to  
13 the agent pages, scripts, or data that the agent then applies to enhance the  
14 browsing experience [determining from the page data at least one set of data  
15 and/or executable code that corresponds to a service module associated with the  
16 browser companion agent; and sending the data or code to the browser companion  
17 agent] (Ex.4, p.1, para.2);  
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- 19 (v) An example of using the data in a form filling module is given [for use by  
20 a service module] (Ex.4., p.1, para.2);  
21
- 22 (vi) Sending a service module for context personalized browsing to a second  
23 computer with a browser companion agent. Under heading 2.5 “Agent Service  
24 Providers,” it states that “each service provider [service module] is a COM object  
25 that is downloaded from the server and plugged in to the agent....” (Ex.4, p.3);  
26
- 27 (vii) Service modules listed under heading 2.5 include transaction tracking and  
28 form filling, which relate to ecommerce transactions, as well as data collection.  
29 “New services can be added incrementally or existing services can be enhanced to  
30 offer additional functionality” (Ex.4, p.3.).  
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1 In supplementation of the foregoing, attached as Exhibit 5 is more detailed  
2 documentation of the software and online system, as generally implemented by  
3 eBoodle.com as of about May 15, 2000, with many of the claimed features plainly seen  
4 and described throughout. This document reflects a planned transition of the  
5 implemented eBoodle.com system to new owner Bizrate.com. The date of the document  
6 can be found in the footer of the document.

7 The claim features can be found throughout the document, for example:

8 (i) A tracker that “tracks the browser window to determine the location (url)  
9 of the user” [browser companion agent] (E.g., Ex.5, p.4; pp.13-17);

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11 (ii) the agent is associated with one or more service modules that assist a user  
12 by providing services that are contextually relevant to content on a browser (Ex.5,  
13 p.2; pp.14-25);

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15 (iii) The received data being determined according to the content page (E.g.,  
16 Ex.5, pp.13-18);

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18 (iv) Determining from the page data at least one set of data and/or executable  
19 code that corresponds to a service module associated with the browser companion  
20 agent; and sending the data or code to the browser companion agent (E.g., Ex.5,  
21 pp.5-11; pp.13-18);

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23 (v) For use by a service module (Ex.5, p.2);

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25  
26 (vi) Service modules listed under Heading 2.5 include transaction tracking and  
27 form filling, which relate to ecommerce transactions, as well as data collection.  
28 (Ex.5, p.2);

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30 I hereby declare that all statements herein of my own knowledge are true and that  
31 all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that

1 these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like  
2 so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001.  
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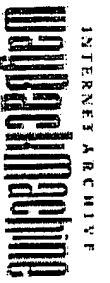
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Adv. Search Compare Archive Pages

Searched for <http://www.eboodle.com>

89 Results

Note some duplicates are not shown. See all.  
\* denotes when site was updated.

## Search Results for Jan 01, 1996 - Jun 23, 2006

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			<a href="#">May 11, 2000</a>	<a href="#">Nov 29, 2001</a> *	<a href="#">Sep 21, 2002</a> *	<a href="#">Mar 27, 2003</a> *	<a href="#">Mar 28, 2004</a> *			
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## Special Offer!

Limited  
time  
offer:

Make hundreds of dollars by referring your friends to eBoodle. Earn \$1.00 for every friend that signs up. Then earn MORE when they shop with us. The dollars can add up fast, but you have to be the first to tell your friends. So join now! It's fast, free and simple.

## Charity Special!

We are happy to announce our partnership with

This holiday season, non-profit organizations can raise money by joining our Charity Program.

Non-Profit Organizations, please click here!

## Member Login

eBoodle

ID

Password

Forgot your  
password ?

## Compare Prices!

Search

For:

In Books

☒ Match all  
keywords

The eBoodle Bar is a free shopping assistant that works with your web browser.  
It takes less than 20 seconds to get your own eBoodle Bar.  
What does eBoodle do for you?

"The best bar on the Web!"

It's fast, it's easy, it's free.

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### Member Benefits

- Earn \$ with cash back
- Make \$ from referrals
- Auto Form-Fill
- Track transactions
- Find the best deals fast
- Private and Secure

### eBoodle Bar

- Loads fast!(<20 secs)
- Easy to use
- Nonintrusive
- Feature Rich

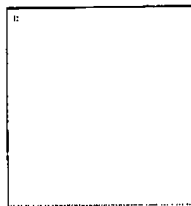
### Downloading eBoodle Bar

eBoodle will now download the eBoodle Bar onto your computer ....  
This will let you use all the services offered by eBoodle.

A security dialog box will appear.

Please click Yes on the dialog box to install and run the eBoodle bar.  
You can start shopping with the eBoodle Bar as soon as the update is complete.

You are safe with eBoodle. We respect your privacy and we use the latest security technology to keep your personal information safe.



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- Step 1: Create ID
- Step 2: Personal Info
- Step 3: Download

Join eBoodle / Step 1 of 3: Create your eBoodle ID

To join eBoodle, please complete the information below. A new email address (*your-eboodleid@eboodle.com*) will be created for you by eBoodle. Email sent to your eBoodle account automatically forwards to your email address on record.

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eBoodle ID

For example, **jsmith**, or  
**Born2Shop**

Password

Must be at least 6 characters  
long

Re-Enter Password

Email Address

Needed for Cash Back

Referrer ID  
(optional)eBoodle ID of the person  
who referred you to eBoodle[Feedback](#) | [Company Info](#) | [Jobs](#) | [Privacy Policy](#)

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### The eBoodle Referral Program

- Who should I tell?
- How should I tell them?
- When should I tell them?
- What if I want to get serious and maximize my earnings?
- How do I join?
- How much can I earn?
- How and how often do I receive payments?
- How do I get credit for the referrals I make?
- What are the rules and restrictions?

### Refer & Earn Millenium Offer

- How do I make money?
- Is there a limit to how much I can make?
- Do I have to be a member to get paid for each referral?
- Does this replace the eBoodle Referral Program?
- How long will this special offer last?
- Are there any rules or restrictions?

### Security and Privacy

- What steps has eBoodle taken to ensure the security and privacy of its members?
- How do I know if my credit card and personal information is secure?
- How do I protect the privacy of my eBoodle account after logging in, to prevent anyone else from using my personal information?

### Technical Matters

- Is there a way to use eBoodle on a different computer?
- What are the system/browser requirements for eBoodle? Does eBoodle support Macintosh, AOL, Unix?
- I am using Internet Explorer, but am

having trouble logging in or accessing  
certain eBoodle functions. What is  
wrong?

- Where is the information in MyBoodle  
stored?

Other Questions/Concerns

## How eBoodle Works

- What is eBoodle?
- Does eBoodle cost any money?
- Does eBoodle process transactions?
- Is eBoodle partial to certain stores?
- Is eBoodle secure?

Q: What is eBoodle?

A: eBoodle is the Internet's first complete online shopping assistant. eBoodle consists of the web site [www.eboodle.com](http://www.eboodle.com) and the eBoodle Bar. People can use eBoodle to search the Web for the best deals, get cash back on online purchases, automatically fill forms on e-commerce web sites, and earn money through referrals.

Q: Does eBoodle cost any money?

A: No. eBoodle is a free service.

Q: Does eBoodle process transactions?

A: No. eBoodle's store partners process all transactions.

Q: Is eBoodle partial to certain stores?

A: No. eBoodle strives to provide its users with an unbiased picture of deals on the Web.

Q: Is eBoodle secure?

A: Yes. eBoodle employs many advanced security features and is Verisign certified. Click here for more information.

This help section contains valuable information about the services offered by eBoodle. If, after reading this FAQ, you still have questions or comments about eBoodle, please send us an email.

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### Membership

- How do I join eBoodle?
- What rules are eBoodle members expected to abide by?
- Do I have to be a member to use eBoodle's services?

### Shopping

- How does eBoodle help people shop?
- How does browsing work?
- How does comparison shopping work?
- How can I be sure that eBoodle will find me items at the lowest possible prices?
- How do I request that a certain online store gets added to the eBoodle community?
- How can I get more information on specific products?

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- Can I make the eBoodle Bar go away, so it doesn't show up with the browser every time?
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### Form Filling

- What do users have to do to ensure that

- forms fill properly?
- What types of forms does the eBoodle Bar fill?
- What is the difference between Auto Form Filling and Drag & Drop Form Filling?
- What specific web sites does eBoodle form filling support?
- I've changed my login information for a specific web site. How do I change it in eBoodle?
- Why doesn't my eBoodle ID work at certain online stores?

### Billing & Shipping

- How does eBoodle deal with billing, shipping, and order processing?
- Does eBoodle process credit card information or deliver products?
- How do I enter, update, and edit my billing and shipping information?
- If eBoodle doesn't process my order, then why do you need my credit card and shipping information?

### Member Accounts and Cash Back

- What do I have to do to ensure that I receive the cash back I am entitled to?
- Why do I have to use my eBoodle email address at the stores at which I shop?
- How can I access my account, transaction history, and cash back information?
- How does eBoodle track my cash back earnings?
- How and how often do I receive cash back payments from eBoodle?
- Is my referral account separate from my user account?
- If the merchandise is returned, will I still get to keep my commissions?
- How does eBoodle compute my cash back?
- What if I forget my password?
- How do I update my profile information?



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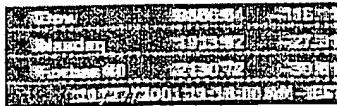
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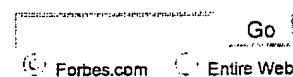
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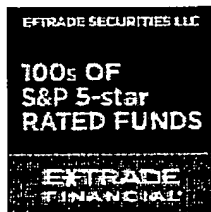
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## Are you ready for e-shopping assistants?

Om Malik, Forbes.com, 12.02.99, 12:50 PM ET

If you are finding yourself overwhelmed by holiday shopping, and finding bargains on the Web is becoming a nightmare, relax, you have help. No, these are not the comparison shopping agents known as shopping bots, but an emerging technology called electronic personal shopping assistants.

Two venture capital-fattened startups, eBoodle.com and Dash.com, are the first to the market with this new technology. These companies are the next evolutionary step in the online comparison-shopping universe.

During the holiday season of 1998, comparison-shopping search engines such as MySimon.com caught the fancy of online shoppers. Since then, the Web has been overrun by similar services such as Dealtime.com and Clickthebutton.com.

New York-based Dash.com has launched a small software program dubbed DashBar, which plugs right into your Web browser after downloading. DashBar automatically detects when you start shopping and provides a list of over 100 e-stores on a drop-down menu. Users can get up to 25% in cash on their purchases back in addition to other special offers.

However, the most interesting aspect of this software is a messaging feature that notifies members in real-time about better offers on the items they want to buy.

On the other hand, eBoodle.com, which has been beta testing and is scheduled to go live Dec. 4, has built a robust shopping network with more than 1,100 e-tailer partners, says Anil Kamath, the company's chief executive and president. Kamath left his job at the D.E.

Shaw & Company hedge fund and started the Mountain View, Calif.-based company in January 1999 with a \$3 million investment from Invesco Venture Partners.

"Our initial offering is a personal shopping bar and it is a shopping solution.

The bar allows you to find products and compare prices and helps you complete the transaction," says Todd Lowden, vice-president of business development at eBoodle.com. The software, called the eBoodle-bar, has features such as automatic form-filling and transaction record keeping along with the comparison-shopping features.

Lowden, who left the AOL/Netscape joint venture to work at eBoodle.com, thinks that these shopping bars will help solve the problems normally associated with buying online.

He says that the biggest problem right now with shopping online is that shoppers need to fill out a different form on each Web site they shop at.

Companies such as Dash.com and eBoodle.com are addressing a big problem. According to Cambridge, Mass.-based market research firm



Forrester Research, nearly two-thirds of customers abandon their shopping carts mid-transaction. Another research firm, New York-based Jupiter Communications, estimates that nearly 27% of all shoppers abandon e-tailer sites due to complications associated with filling out forms online.

"We are addressing this problem, as consumers sign up with us once and then can shop without filling out any different forms," says Lowden.

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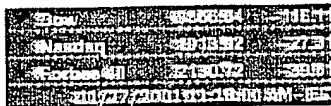
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## Raising the bar

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Most e-commerce sites may have yet to make money, but that isn't stopping many more startups from trying to make a buck off of helping people shop online.

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The first generation of shopping bots, like Amazon's **amzn** (nasdaq: amzn) Jungle and Excite's **athm** (nasdaq: athm) Jango, were long ago acquired by bigger commerce players. Now, destination sites like MySimon and Dealtime have started to gain traction with shoppers. Just as they are doing so, however, browser companion shopping tools like Dash and eBuddle have entered the e-tailing fray and are threatening to dethrone them.

While the number of online shopping tools continues to grow, margins remain thin, leaving onlookers wondering whether there will ever be enough in the way of earnings to go around.

These new shopping tools, which are software plug-ins that must be downloaded onto a user's machine, take the comparison shopping site concept a few steps further by offering consumers both portability and discounts. Rather than trying to lure shoppers to destination sites to find the best deals, these tools sit on a user's Web browser and can be used to search for items or compare them from anywhere on the Web.

In recognition of this trend, MySimon has just teamed up with the navigation browser companion FlySwat to create its own browser-based search-and-compare shopping tool. Just weeks ago DealPilot.com, the books and music comparison shopping site, launched its go-anywhere-tool DealPilotExpress. Of course Amazon.com has a similar service in beta, dubbed zBubbles, that lets shoppers read and post notes to one another all over the Web, sharing tips on who has better prices to the quality of a merchant's customer service.

Dash and eBuddle are the two services most recently on the scene, and each have big backers. Behind eBuddle is Invesco Financial Services, which also funded Healthon **hlth** (nasdaq: hlth). Dash raised \$12 million from AT&T Ventures, JP Morgan, Wasserstein Perella Ventures and Affinity Partners, and last week ad giant The Omnicom Group **omc** (nyse: omc) took an undisclosed minority stake in the service.

Both startups are luring shoppers to use their respective tool bars with promises of cash-back rewards. That is, users that make a purchase from a site partnered with either Dash or eBuddle are often entitled to get a percentage of the price back, much like a rebate. The discounts can range from as little as 1% to as much as 25%—not necessarily enough to consistently inspire users to go out of their way and use the tools.

eBuddle is angling to become a consumer-centric shopping service, offering tools like an automatic form filler and an auto-login feature to speed entry to password protected sites. Users can type "golf clubs," for example, into the search box on its bar—no matter what Web page they happen to be visiting—and eBuddle will serve up a list that can be used to compare by vendor, original price, the amount of cash back

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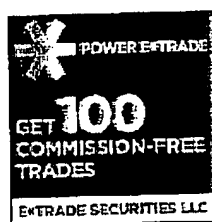
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Both eBoodle and Dash offer merchants contextual marketing, meaning the chance to pitch consumers when they're actually looking for whatever the retailer is selling. But what's interesting about Dash, and may give it a better shot at success, is the more aggressive sales strategy it takes on behalf of its merchant partners.

Founder and Chief Executive Officer Dan Kaufman calls Dash's tool a "consumer advocate," but in fact it appears to operate primarily with the interest of merchants in mind. It has no comparison tool, and its search feature will only return listings for its 100 or so partner stores.

The Dash technology reads not only what URL a user is visiting, but it also scans the contents of every page being viewed for precise targeting. If the word "khakis" appears several times on one page, the Dash bar will serve up a banner touting 5% cash back at a Dash partner that carries khakis, like JCrew.com. The same J.Crew banner will also likely appear if a user visits one of its competitors, like Gap.com. And even when the Dash bar is minimized--all of these browser shopping tools can be--and a user visits Gap.com, a pop-up window will appear to remind them of the savings they'll get if they go to JCrew.com via Dash.

Beyond the immediate marketing opportunities that this technology presents, this data could hold enormous possibilities. "We're about getting more information than anyone else," says Kaufman. How he'll wield this powerful tool is still under wraps, but Kaufman prides himself on the lengths Dash goes to both protect consumer privacy and give users control over their personal information.

At this stage, these plug-ins have simple but weak business models. For the most part all Dash and eBoodle have done is join as many e-tailer affiliate programs as they can find. They're only getting paid when someone buys something, not when a banner is displayed or a window pops up. Instead of keeping the entire referral fee they get for delivering a customer to an e-commerce site--typically between 5% and 10% of a completed transaction--they're splitting it in a variety of ways with consumers. Both companies are moving forward to cut formal deals with merchants rather than just being an affiliate but are still compensated only for sales.

To many this looks like slicing a sliver into something infinitesimal, rather than a business-building strategy. "I have yet to see someone who has built a substantial revenue base off of an affiliate program," says Jupiter Communications e-commerce analyst Ken Cassar. "That doesn't mean this will be the case in the future, but on average, for every 10,000 visitors an affiliate drives maybe 1% might go to the affiliate site and just 1% of that 1% may buy anything at all."

What will determine whether any of these plug-ins can make a go of affiliate fees is distribution, and this issue alone presents several hurdles. "Getting onto the user's desktop is difficult because people don't like plug ins," says IDC e-commerce analyst Malcolm MacLachlan. PC desktops are already overflowing with various tools for this or that, and the average machine only has so much capacity. Also, many employees are blocked from doing downloads by corporate firewalls at work, where people often shop. Only a few Web outfits, like RealNetworks *rnwk* (nasdaq: *rnwk*), have managed to succeed with downloads.

And even if Dash and eBoodle do score lots of downloads there's still no guarantee of success. "They feel that if they can just get on the desktop everything else will work itself out," says Cassar, "but I'm not so sure."

The problem with any shopping tool, whether it's browser-based or a

destination site, is its inherent conflict with retailers. At the same time that these tools are driving down retail prices by facilitating comparison shopping, they are also relying upon the merchants for their revenue. To further complicate the issue, both parties want to own the customer.

"The value these agents provide is largely derived by the retail brands they represent," says Boston Consulting Group analyst James Vogtle. "Without the association of these brands people wouldn't shop with them, so I don't know how any agent could get to be all that powerful."

Despite the many contradictions at work in the retailer/shopping bot? relationship, these tools are helpful for comparison shopping and locating price breaks. "They're so useful that people will definitely use them in large numbers," says IDC's MacLachlan. "Which tools end up profiting anytime soon is another matter. But it's not like many of the merchants are profitable either."

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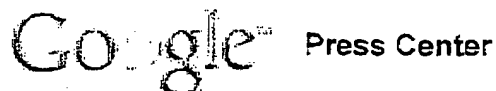
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## eBoodle.com and Google Team to Deliver Powerful Online Shopping Assistant

With Google's Advanced Search Technology and GoogleScout, eBoodle Bar Becomes the Best Bar on the Web for Shopping and Surfing

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif., December 7, 1999—eBoodle.com<sup>TM</sup>, provider of the leading online shopping assistant, and Google, Inc.<sup>SM</sup>, a developer of advanced, next-generation search services, announced today that the companies have finalized a partnership to deliver a more robust search experience for online consumers. Based on the agreement, eBoodle.com will offer Google's innovative search services within its eBoodle Bar, a downloadable personal assistant. With this partnership, eBoodle.com is taking the first step toward making the eBoodle Bar the most useful bar on the web for shopping and surfing.

Google, one of the fastest growing search services and the recent recipient of PC Magazine's prestigious Technical Excellence Award, provides a high-performance, scalable search technology that enables rapid access to information on the Internet. Google's GoogleScout<sup>TM</sup>, a revolutionary new feature that expands a user's access to related information beyond the results of a search query, makes finding information and navigating the web faster and easier.

"By utilizing Google's innovative search technologies, eBoodle.com is offering consumers an even more powerful tool for efficient online commerce," said Dr. Anil Kamath, president and CEO, eBoodle.com. "Our partnership signifies the growing acceptance of eBoodle's agent technology as a means of delivering compelling web services to users."

A free service, eBoodle.com helps consumers purchase products on more than 25,000 web sites and has direct links to 1,100 of the world's most prominent e-Tailers. It is the first company of its kind to combine a product and store search feature, price comparison engine, cash-back program, automatic form-filler, and transaction management into a comprehensive solution that truly enhances consumers' online shopping.

"Google's search capabilities give eBoodle's customers a convenient, fast, and easy solution for finding information and navigating the web," said Larry Page, Google president and co-founder. "Using Google from the eBoodle Bar gives users easy one-click access to information anywhere on the web. Searches are further enhanced by GoogleScout, which expands the scope of a search to related information on similar sites. Working together, eBoodle.com and Google are providing online shoppers the most innovative and effective approach for easily accessing information."



Google's underlying technology integrates a clean, easy-to-use interface with next-generation technology to deliver search and related link search results based on importance and relevancy. In addition to the eBoodle Bar, Google's search services are offered to Internet users at [www.google.com](http://www.google.com), and to organizations for use on their sites with the Google WebSearch and Google SiteSearch services. Google WebSearch is a cost-effective way to provide the highest quality web-wide search capabilities directly from any website. A hosted version of Google's widely acclaimed search engine technology, Google WebSearch gives any website a sophisticated solution for searching the web and opportunities for increased page views and revenue.

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### Bizrate.com To Offer A New Online Shopping Solution

April 3, 2000

**bizrate.com**, a leading consumer online marketplace, today announced its agreement to acquire eBoodle.com an innovator of browser companion technology. BizRate.com will merge eBoodle's browser companion with its existing technology base to offer consumers a suite of tools that will dramatically enhance their online shopping experience.

"This acquisition will change the way our users shop online," said Chuck Davis, president and chief executive officer of BizRate.com. "The power of BizRate.com will now be available to consumers whenever and wherever they shop online so they can make smarter and faster buying decisions."

Expected to be available this summer, the browser companion will travel with users as they window shop on the Web, providing instant access to a comprehensive suite of tools, including BizRate.com merchant ratings, comparison shopping information and personalized content.

If shoppers are considering a purchase from a particular site, a single click will allow them to access product reviews, compare prices across merchants, view special offers or discounts, and evaluate merchant ratings, from on-time delivery and product selection to customer support and privacy policies.

The content of the browser bar is controlled by the user and includes a personalized "single click" digital wallet. When the wallet is used to make an online purchase, it automatically enters passwords, credit card information, and shipping and billing addresses at the point of sale to expedite the transaction.

In addition, users can track the order status of transactions from any merchant, as well as related store receipts and e-mail correspondence.

"This acquisition helps bring consumers one click closer to the ultimate shopping experience," said Dr. Anil Kamath, founder of eBoodle. "It makes sense not only for BizRate.com and eBoodle, but for online shoppers who desire instant access to relevant buying information whenever they want it."

In his new position as vice president of client applications, Kamath will report to Farhad Mohit, BizRate.com's chairman and chief strategic officer, and will continue to oversee technology developments related to eBoodle and manage the day-to-day operations of 30 employees.

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Founded in 1996, BizRate.com ([www.bizrate.com](http://www.bizrate.com)) is an open and comprehensive marketplace, governed by customer ratings, linking millions of online buyers to leading online merchants each month.

As a trusted market-maker, BizRate.com combines valuable customer-generated information with a powerful set of shopping tools to help online shoppers confidently and easily decide where to buy online.

BizRate.com's proprietary customer ratings form the backbone of the marketplace and are derived from its position as the only company trusted by over 3,600 online stores to collect direct customer feedback and transactional information at the point of every purchase.

These ratings, widely recognized as the standard for customer satisfaction on the Web, are the only statistically rigorous way of differentiating retailers on "quality of service" metrics, allowing consumers to take the focus away from pure price comparisons.

In addition to on its site, BizRate.com's ratings also appear on Consumer Reports Online and Consumer Reports magazine, as well as Microsoft Network, AltaVista, GO Network, Go2Net, Snap, Citibank, iChoose, Brodia, Dealttime and CNET.

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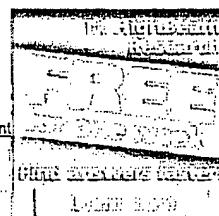
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### BizRate.com Enhances Consumer Services

By **Elizabeth Clampet**

While many companies have recently added business-to-business services to their product line, online shopping resource **BizRate.com Inc.** Monday expanded with an acquisition that will increase its consumer services.

BizRate.com Monday purchased **eBoodle.com**, provider of a browser companion for personalized shopping, for an undisclosed sum. BizRate will integrate eBoodle's technology into its comparison shopping tools and other online shopping resources.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

The browser companion will be designed to travel with users as they window shop on the Web, providing access to a comprehensive suite of tools, including product reviews, price comparisons, special offers or discounts, merchant ratings and a digital wallet. BizRate.com's services will be included in the companion beginning this summer, the companies said.

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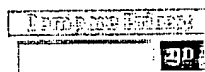
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# eBoodle Architecture

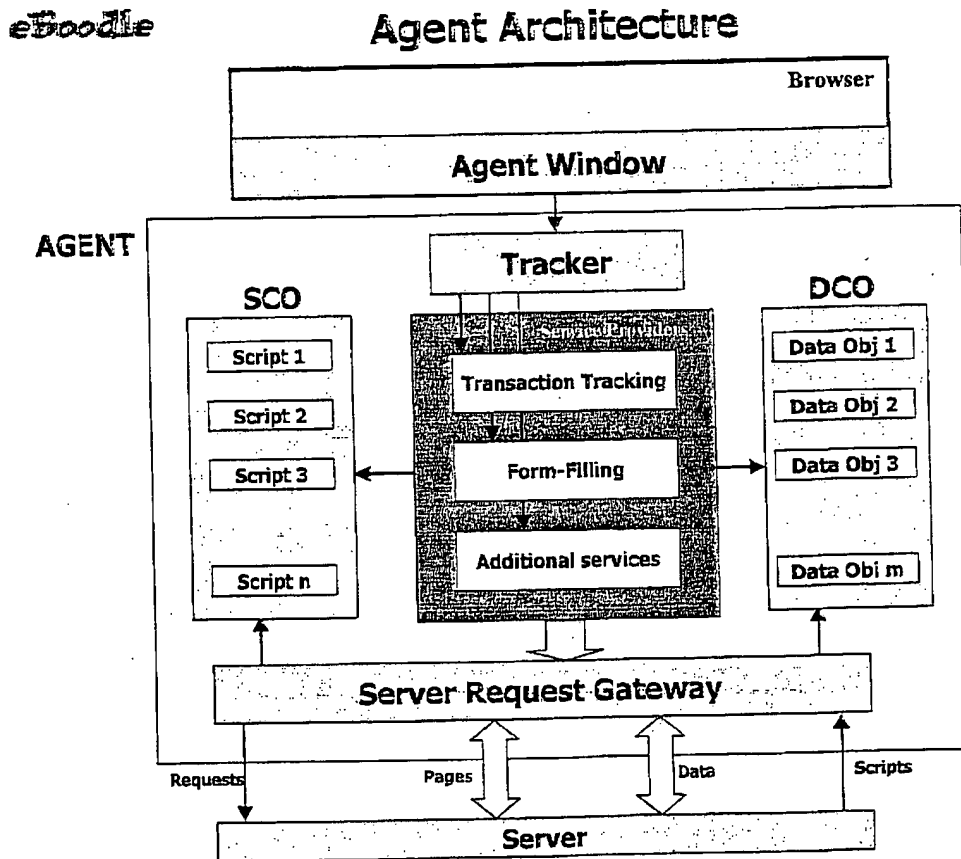
## 1 Browser – Agent – Server Model

The current web-paradigm in which the browser sends requests and data to the server and the server responds with web pages has limitations for personalization. We are using a new paradigm of *context personalized browsing*. In this paradigm, in addition to the browser and the server, we have an agent that provides context relevant personalized assistance.

The agent monitors the pages being seen by the user on the browser window to determine the browsing context. The agent then sends information about the browsed page to the server. The server uses this information about the browsed page to determine the context. The server can avail of data stored in the database and also go out on the web to seek relevant information needed in providing assistance. The server uses these resources to provide the agent with pages, scripts and data that the agent then applies to enhance the browsing experience. e.g. if the user is looking at a form on Amazon, the agent sends the information (domain, user identity) to the server, which then returns the site specific name-value pairs, form filling scripts, personal data of the user, etc. so that the agent can fill the form.

## 2 Agent Architecture

In our architecture – the agent is a thin client composed of COM objects. The agent has 5 main components that enable the agent to provide a host of “Services” (eg. Purchase tracking, Form filling, etc.). Each of these services rely on the common components to execute their specific functionality. New services can be added incrementally or existing services can be enhanced to offer additional functionality.



## **2.1 Agent Window**

This is a thin browser bar, which resides within the browser and serves as a visual interface for agent-user communication. This window displays HTML pages. The window is the primary user interface that is used to display relevant information and also provide controls, which the user can invoke to get specialized assistance. e.g. in our transaction-tracking service, the agent window displays the cash-back earned when the user buys an item through eBoodle.com; in form-filling the user can use the agent window to change the credit-card that is used to buy the item.

## **2.2 Tracker**

The tracker tracks the browser window to determine the location (url) of the user. It has the logic to detect a change of page e.g. if the user navigates from eBoodle.com to a product page at Amazon.com the tracker will detect this transition between pages.

## **2.3 Script Collection Object**

The Script Collection Object stores a collection of scripts that are sent by the server and used by the agent to provide specific services. Since these scripts are dynamically generated by the server and made available to the agent service providers, this is a powerful way of adding new or modifying existing services, without a fresh install of the agent

## **2.4 Data Collection Object**

Data specific to the user and the context is stored in this object. New data structures with corresponding scripts can be added to the agent to reflect changes to the website or offer enhanced services. Since the user specific data is server resident, it is not machine dependent.

## **2.5 Server Request Gateway**

The Server Request Gateway interfaces between service providers and the server. On one hand, it routes requests, data and pages from the service providers to the server. On the other, it interprets server input and stores the scripts received from the server in the script collection object, the data in the Data collection object and the pages are displayed in the Agent window or the browser.

## **Agent Service Providers**

The service providers comprise the core of the agent – providing specialized services to the user. The tracker and the agent window interface with the service providers through the agent services interface. The service providers use the Server Request Gateway at the other end to communicate with the server. They also have access to the Script and Data Collection Objects. Each service provider is a COM object that is downloaded from the server and plugged in to the agent where they are available until they are uninstalled.

Some examples of service providers are:

### **2.5.1 Form-Filling**

The tracker invokes the form-filling service provider when the browser is at a form. It communicates with the server to get relevant data and scripts needed to fill the forms. The data gets stored in the data collection object. For specialized services like changing the credit card used in the transaction, the service provider can use scripts from the Script Collection object.

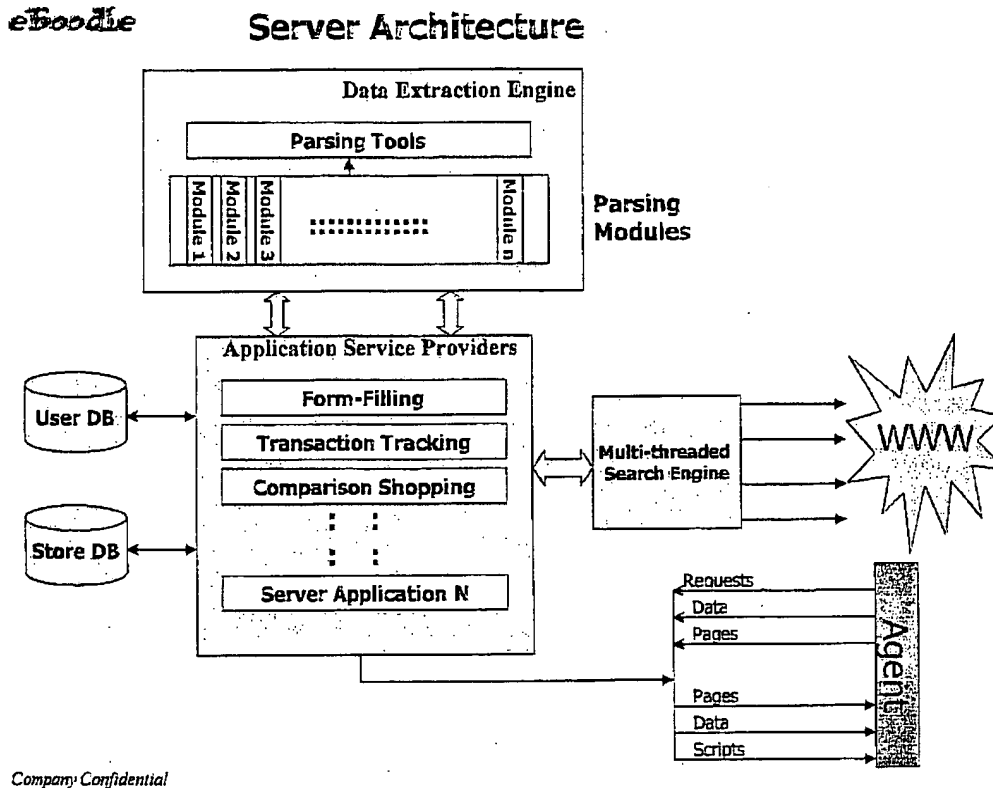
### **2.5.2 Transaction Tracking**

The transaction tracking service provider recognizes and sends the transaction related pages to the server while the user is purchasing an item. The server extracts the transaction information, stores it for future referral and uses it to compute the cash back.

We can add other service providers e.g. a service which provides a list of sites related to the domain where the user is browsing, or newsgroups and surveys related to the content of the page being displayed or if the person is looking at an item in an online store, we can provide the price of the same item at other stores.

### 3 Server Architecture

The server side has an API for interfacing with the Agent. The server receives requests, data and pages from the agent and sends data, pages, and scripts back to the agent. Our current server architecture has 3 major components that are shared by a variety of application service providers. New application service providers can be added that use the shared components to offer new services.



#### 3.1 Database

The database primarily stores 2 kinds of data - profile information about the user and domain specific information about the sites. The user profile data helps in the personalization and the domain specific data is used for contextual information that can be shared by all the application service providers.

#### 3.2 Multi-Threaded search engine

The multi-threaded search engine can go across the web concurrently to multiple sites on demand and obtain the desired pages from the sites. The multi-threaded engine manages the streams of data that are received from the threads and passes them on to the applications.

#### 3.3 Data extraction engine

This is a very important and critical component of our architecture, which is used for extracting information from web pages. The application service providers use this engine to interpret and extract data from the pages that they receive from the agent or from the multi-threaded search engine. The data extraction engine uses parsing modules and parsing libraries to assist in the extraction of the relevant information.

##### *Parsing modules*

To extract data from a page, the page needs to be modeled to understand its underlying structure and the information that it represents. The parsing modules are individually written for each domain and each page type based on the

page model and the information that needs to be extracted. The data extraction engine uses these parsing modules to extract desired information. The modules and the data extraction engine use a library of commonly used methods that are shared and serve as a repository of domain independent parsing functionality.

### **3.4 *Application Service Providers***

The application service providers sit at the core of the server architecture enabling the various services. Our current architecture allows for many new services to be added in future. The service providers can avail of several important components like the data extraction engine, the multi-threaded search engine and the database in interpreting the data sent by the agent and in providing the agent with essential tools for context personalized browsing. The applications can also leverage the models that have been developed for the different page types at different stores.

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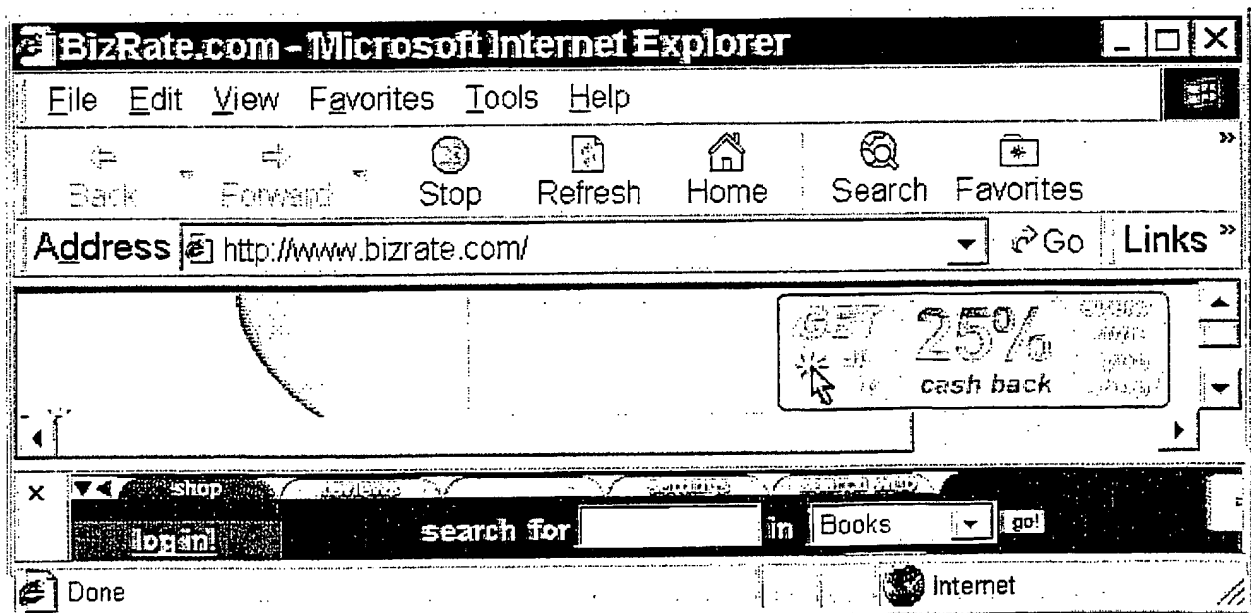
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- C. Interactions between sites HTML, browser companions HTML, javascript and MS Browser
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  - 1. Track emails (email parsing) – Order confirmation.
  - 2. Track html confirmation – html pages.

## III. Implementation

- A. Program Flow



1. eBoodle bar has implemented three SetSite, when does each one of them get called?
  - a) CeBObject::SetSite(IUnknown \*pUnkSite)  
This function get called when a new explorer window is opened.
  - b) CeBoodleCommandBand::SetSite(IUnknown\* punkSite)  
This function get called when command band is loaded

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- c) `CebMainBrowserProxy::SetSite(IUnknown *pUnkSite)`  
This function is called from JavaScript whenever it initializes the object.  
<OBJECT ID="MainBrowserProxy" CLASSID="CLSID:6CD4EFB4-22A7-11D3-95B9-0060976E9E6A" style="display:none;"></OBJECT>
- B. eBoodle bar construction
  - 1. Internet explorer calls `SetSite` based on  
HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Browser Helper Objects\13707362-08A2-11D3-A26D-0060976E9E6A in `eObjects.rgs`. There are two `SetSite` implementations in eBoodle bar, one in `eObject` and the other in `eBoodleCommandBand`.
  - 2. `CeObject::LaunchBoodler` calls `m_spWebBrowser2->ShowBrowserBar` to show browser bar.
- C. CeBoodleCommandBand Implementation
  - 1. `CeBoodleCommandBand::SetSite(IUnknown* punkSite)`
    - a) When the user selects an Explorer Bar, the container calls the corresponding band object's `IObjectWithSite::SetSite` method. The `punkSite` parameter will be set to the site's `IUnknown` pointer.<sup>1</sup>
    - b) In general, a **SetSite** implementation should perform the following steps:<sup>2</sup>
      - (1) Release any site pointer that is currently being held.
      - (2) If the pointer passed to `SetSite` is set to `NULL`, the band is being removed. `SetSite` can return `S_OK`.
      - (3) If the pointer passed to `SetSite` is non-`NULL`, a new site is being set. `SetSite` should do the following:
        - (a) Call `QueryInterface` on the site for its `IOleWindow` interface.
        - (b) Call `IOleWindow::GetWindow` to obtain the parent window's handle, and save it for future use. Release `IOleWindow` if it is no longer needed.
        - (c) Create the band object's window as a child of the window obtained in the previous step. Do not create it as a visible window.
        - (d) If the band object implements `IInputObject`, call `QueryInterface` on the site for its `IInputObjectSite` interface. Store the pointer to this interface for use later.
        - (e) If all steps are successful, return `S_OK`. If not, return the OLE-defined error code indicating what failed.
- D. EBoodle Service:
  - 1. `CeBDomainTracker::DownloadBegin()`
  - 2. `CeBDomainTracker::DownloadComplete()`
- E. Internal Messages and their parameters
  - 1. Messges
    - a) `#define WM_EB_DOCTRACK 5000`
    - b) `#define WM_EB_RESIZE WM_USER + 100`
  - 2. Parameters

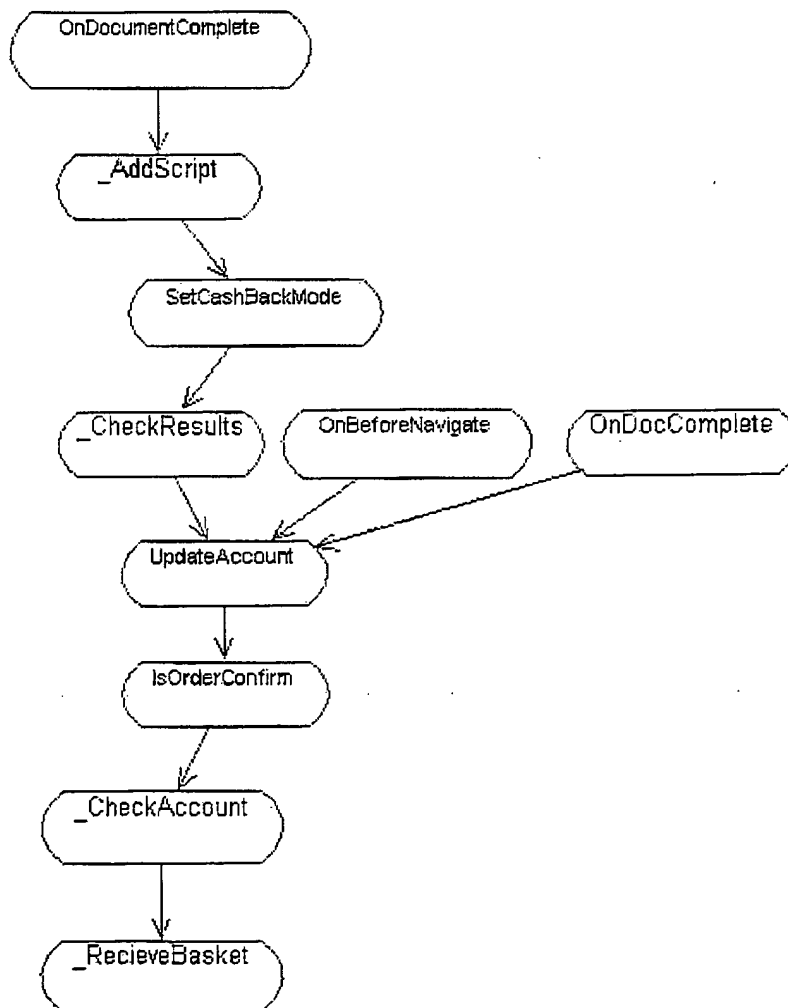
<sup>1</sup> . "Creating Custom Explorer Bars, Tool Bands, and Desk Bands", MSDN

<sup>2</sup> . "Creating Custom Explorer Bars, Tool Bands, and Desk Bands", MSDN

- a) #define DISPID\_DOMAINCHANGE 6000
- b) #define DISPID\_SECUREREQUEST 6001
- c) #define DISPID\_EBHOME 6002
- d) #define DISPID\_EBINIT 6003
- e) #define DISPID\_EBLOGOUT 6004
- f) #define DISPID\_EBRESETTIMEOUT 6005
- g) #define DISPID\_EBLOGIN 6006
- h) #define DISPID\_EBACCTSTAT 6007
- i) #define DISPID\_EBRELOAD 6008
- j) #define DISPID\_EBLOGOUTALL 6009
- k) #define DISPID\_EBSHOWWINDOW 6010

F. When CeBDomainDataMgr::OnDocumentComplete is called...

**CeBDomainDataMgr**



## G. Shopping by Category (within our site)

The screenshot shows the bizrate.com homepage. At the top, there's a banner for Mother's Day with a calendar icon showing the 14th. Below this, the bizrate.com logo is on the left, and navigation links for home and help are on the right. A search bar is in the center, with a 'Find A Store' section below it. To the right of the search bar, there's a section for 'Stores with Special Offers' with links to 'Join Now!' and 'Sign In'. Below the search bar, there are three main promotional boxes. The left box is for Mother's Day gift ideas, featuring a 'Design A Wreath' from Garden.com. The middle box is titled 'Start Shopping with Confidence' and lists categories: Apparel & Accessories (women's, men's, children's), Auctions (business to consumer), Health & Beauty (vitamins, fitness equipment, cosmetics), and Home & Garden (furniture, home accents, cookware). The right box is for 'Special Offers' with a 'Show Stores' link. At the bottom, there's a login section with fields for 'eBoodle id' and 'password', and a 'Login' button.

**Mother's Day!** Shop now, SAVE BIG!

**Search** Find A Store **Stores with Special Offers**

Categories  Enter store name  [Join Now!](#) [Sign In](#)

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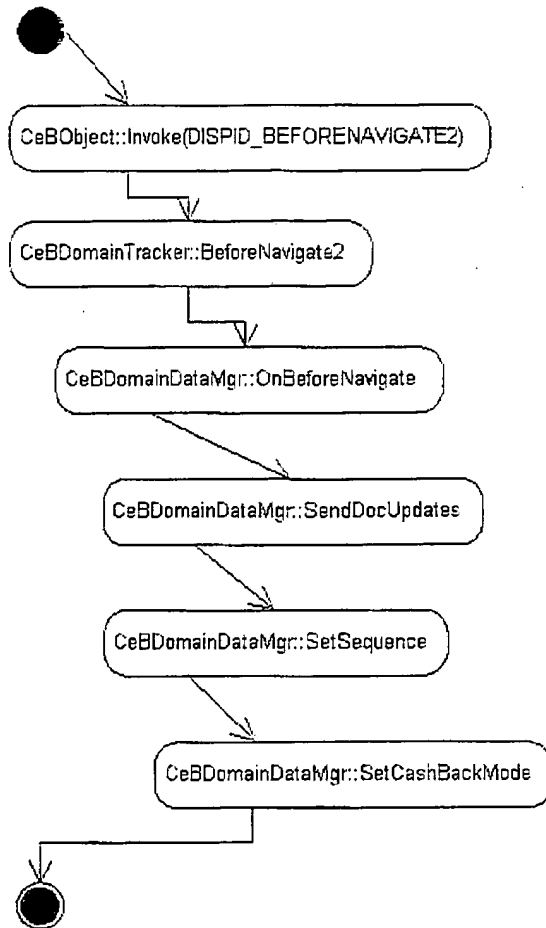
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**Member Benefits**

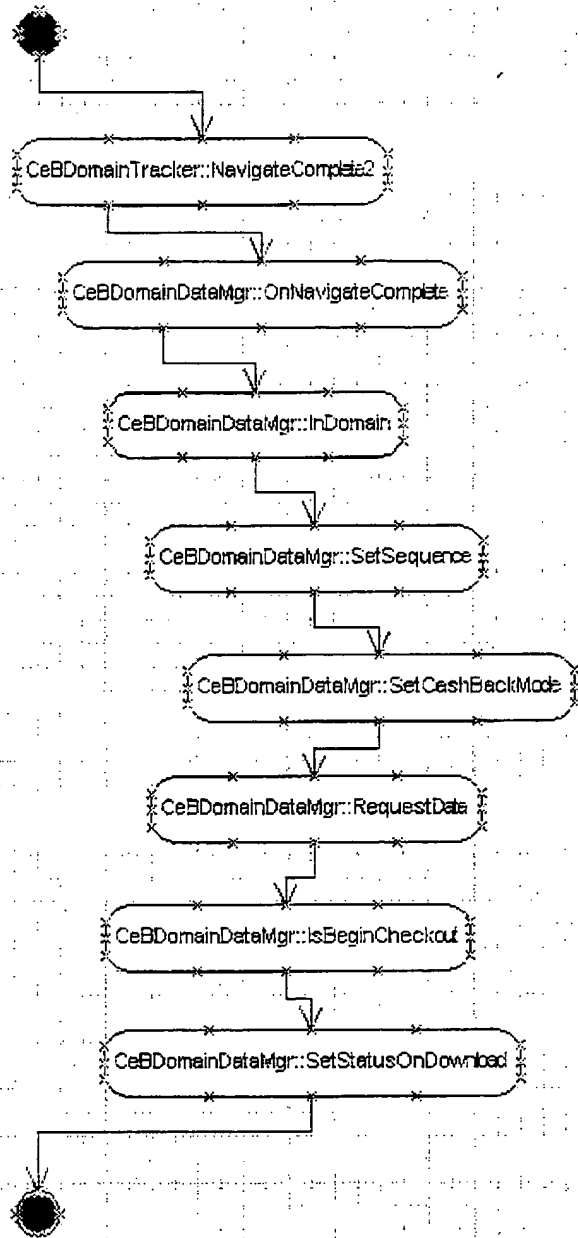
eBoodle id  password   [Login](#)

Click on "Apparel &amp; Accessories"

## 1. CeBDomainTracker::BeforeNavigate2



## 2. CeBDomainTracker::NavigateComplete2



H. Going from bizrate.com merchant list to a merchant:

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Categories  Enter store name  **GO**

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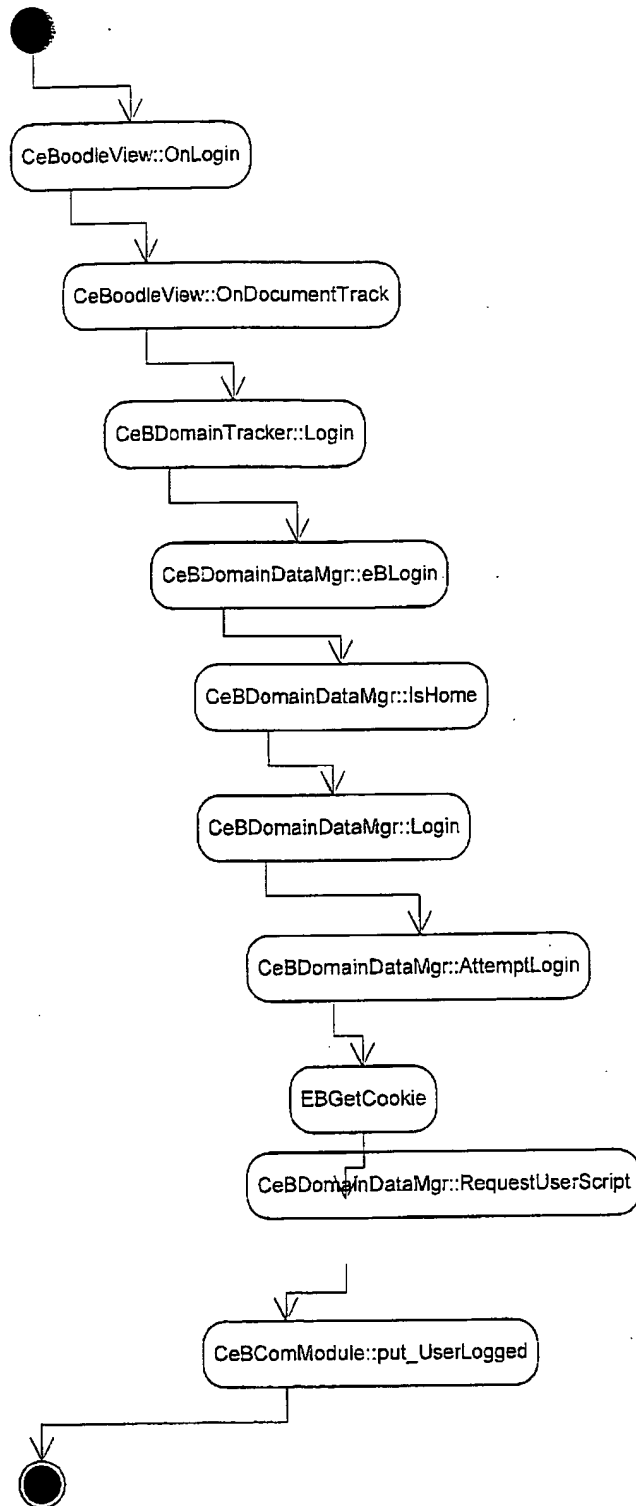
Categories  Enter store name  **GO**

**GO**

**Shopping Cart** **Web Search** **MyBizRate**

**BizRate** Username  Password  **Go!**

Click "Go"



#### IV. Interfaces, Classes, and Utility functions

##### A. Data Objects

1. `leBDomainDataObjectCollection` (`CeBDomainDataObjectCollection`)



This object keeps collection of data for 'N' sites, where 'N' can be maximum size set in the object. LRU (Least Recently Used) techniques is used to decide the elements of current list.<sup>3</sup>

a) Attributes

DomainDataList m\_ddata;

long m\_maxsize;

*The value is set to 10 in  
CeBDomainDataObjectCollection's  
constructor.*

b) Methods

- (1) get\_MaxSize(/\*[out, retval]\*/ long \*pVal);
- (2) put\_MaxSize(/\*[in]\*/ long newVal);
- (3) GetData(long index, BSTR \* domain, LPDISPATCH \* data);
- (4) HasDomainData(BSTR domain, VARIANT\_BOOL \*);
- (5) Add(BSTR domain, IDispatch \*);  
*Insert the element (DomainDataObject) if total elements are less than 10.*
- (6) get\_Count(/\*[out, retval]\*/ long \*pVal);
- (7) Item(BSTR domain, IDispatch \*\*);
- (8) Remove(BSTR);
- (9) Clear();

2. IeBDomainDataObject (CeBDomainDataObject)

The site data object keeps information about a domain, such as Amazon.com or Fatbarin.com.

a) Attributes

KeyValuePairs	m_pages;
<i>list of last N pages</i>	
ScriptList	m_scripts;
<i>scripts dependent on user</i>	
ScriptList	m_domainscripts;
<i>scripts independent of user</i>	
KeyValuePairs	m_keyVals;
<i>form data</i>	
CComBSTR	m_domainUID;
CComBSTR	m_domainPASSWORDS;
VARIANT_BOOL	m_valid;
VARIANT_BOOL	m_userDomainData;
CComBSTR	m_alias;
Long	m_usage;
CComPtr<IeBEnumPageDataObject>	m_pIEnumPageDO;

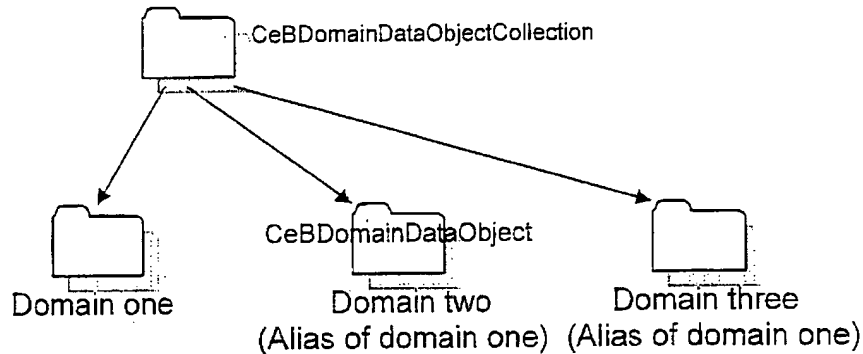
<sup>3</sup> . Page 4, BizRate.com Invention and Copyright Disclosure

## b) Methods

## (1) Domain Alias

(a) `get_Alias([out, retval]/ BSTR *pVal);`(b) `put_Alias([in]/ BSTR newVal);`

*Alias is the domain name of a site. The purpose of alias name is to save all relevant domains information to one login domain – the one where user starts shopping.*



*In above figure, if user login from domain one and redirect to domain two and the domain three, and finally returns back to domain one.*

*Domain two and domain three will have the alias name to domain one. All three of them in CeBDomainDataObjectCollection will have the same pointer.*

## (2) Domain user ID and password

(a) `get_DomainUID([out, retval]/ BSTR *pVal);`(b) `put_DomainUID([in]/ BSTR newVal);`

*Save the domain user ID to automate the login process for user.*

(c) `get_DomainPasswords([out, retval]/ BSTR *pVal);`(d) `put_DomainPasswords([in]/ BSTR newVal);`

*Save the domain password for current user to automate the login process for user.*

## (3) Web page

(a) `RemovePage(BSTR key);`(b) `ClearPages();`(c) `GetPageData(long index, BSTR * key, BSTR * val);`(d) `get_Page(BSTR key, [out, retval]/ BSTR *pVal);`(e) `put_Page(BSTR key, [in]/ BSTR newVal);`(f) `PageCount(long * count);`(g) `PageItem(long, BSTR *);`(h) `get_EnumPageDataObject([out, retval]/ IDispatch* *pVal);`(i) `put_EnumPageDataObject([in]/ IDispatch* newVal);`

## (4) Domain specific attributes

(a) `get_FormValue(BSTR key, [out, retval]/ BSTR *pVal);`

*This method gets domain specific data (attribute), a more appropriate name for this method could be `get_Value` or `get_DomainAttributes`*

(b) `put_FormValue(BSTR key, [in]/ BSTR newVal);`

*This method saves domain specific data (attribute), a more appropriate name for this method could be `put_Value` or `put_DomainAttribute`.*

(c) `GetData(long index, BSTR * key, BSTR * val);`

*Similar to get\_FormValue, but it retrieve domain attributes from index rather than the key.*

- (d) RemoveFormValue(BSTR key);  
*Remove attribute by key.*
- (e) KeyValueCount(long \*);  
*Total counts of domain attributes.*
- (5) Obsolete functions
  - (a) get\_hasUserData(/\*[out, retval]\*/ VARIANT\_BOOL \*pVal);
  - (b) put\_hasUserData(/\*[in]\*/ VARIANT\_BOOL newVal);
  - (c) AddScript(BSTR , BSTR);
  - (d) GetScript(BSTR , BSTR \*);
- (6) Usage (last accessed time)
  - (a) get\_Usage(/\*[out, retval]\*/ long \*pVal);
  - (b) put\_Usage(/\*[in]\*/ long newVal);  
*Record the last time this domain was accessed.*  
*CeBDomainDataObjectCollection::Add will use this value to calculate the ten most recently accessed domain and delete the rest.*
- (7) Domain scripts  
This group of methods saves and retrieves entire scripts by script name.
  - (a) GetDomainScript(BSTR , BSTR \*);
  - (b) AddDomainScript(BSTR , BSTR);
  - (c) ClearDomainScripts();
- (8) Miscellaneous Methods
  - (a) get\_Valid(/\*[out, retval]\*/ VARIANT\_BOOL \*pVal);
  - (b) put\_Valid(/\*[in]\*/ VARIANT\_BOOL newVal);
  - (c) ClearAll();
  - (d) Clear();

### 3. leBEnumPageDataObject (CeBEnumPageDataObject)

This object keeps collection of page data and a map of key value pairs.<sup>4</sup>

### 4. leBPageDataObject (CeBEnumPageDataObject)

### 5. leBFrameDataObject (CeBFrameDataObject)

### 6. leBFormDataObject (CeBFormDataObject)

This object contains map of key value pairs that represents the form element name and value.

## B. **Connection Manager**

- 1. leBConnect
- 2. leBConnectUI

## C. **Tracker (leBDomainTracker)**

The tracker tracks the browser window to determine the location (url) of the user, it also build a list of services (leBService) in CeBDomainTracker::EnumServices. After that, whenever tracker receive an event from WebBrowser control, it enumerate through all the services and call corresponding event handling functions in each services.

- 1. Attributes

<sup>4</sup> . Page 4, BizRate.com Invention and Copyright Disclosure

- a) ServiceList m\_services;
- b) CComPtr<IUnknown> m\_topFrame;  
*Get the value from CeBDomainTracker::NavigateComplete2. In CeBDomainTracker::BeforeNavigate2, if the value is not NULL, initialize it.*
- c) Long m\_pagecomplete;  
*Set to 1 in CeBDomainTracker::DownloadComplete,*

bstr t	EBoodleHome
BOOL	m_downloading
BOOL	m_pause
BOOL	m_basketsent
DWORD	m_htimer
HWND	m_viewHWND
long	m_pagecomplete
<i>The value set to False at CeBDomainDataMgr::OnBeforeNavigate and set to pageDownloaded in CeBDomainDataMgr::OnDocComplete. So each time m_pagecomplete is assigned to 1 in CeBDomainTracker::DownloadComplete since DownloadComplete event comes before DocumentComplete</i>	

## 2. Methods

- a) SetBrowserObject(IDispatch \*pIDisp )
- b) Start()
- c) Advise()
- d) EnumServices()
- e) Stop()
- f) ManageConnection(enum eBTrackerConnectType eConnectType)
- g) BeforeNavigate2( IDispatch\* pDisp,VARIANT \* URL, VARIANT \* Flags, VARIANT \* TargetFrameName, VARIANT \* postData, VARIANT \* Headers,VARIANT\_BOOL \* Cancel)  
*This function receives URL from caller, then call ParseDomain to get the sitename, and finally enumerate through all services and call their OnBeforeNavigate with both URL and sitename.*
- h) BeforeNavigate2( IDispatch\* pDisp,VARIANT \* URL, VARIANT \* Flags, VARIANT \* TargetFrameName, VARIANT \* postData, VARIANT \* Headers,VARIANT\_BOOL \* Cancel)
  - (1) From "wb->get\_Type(&typ);", the name of document type (Microsoft HTML Document 5.0) is retrieved but never used. Why is it here?
  - (2) If both m\_pagecomplete and m\_topFrame have valid values (another navigation has started), Initialize both of them.
  - (3) Call ParseDomain to get site name, then pass the site name to each service's CeBDomainDataMgr::OnBeforeNavigate.
- i) DocumentComplete(IDispatch \* pDisp, VARIANT \* Url)
  - (1) This function detects the last DocumentComplete event (if it is a multiple-frame document), if it is the last, it set m\_pagecomplete to 1 and pass this value to each service's CeBDomainDataMgr::OnDocumentComplete.
  - (2) It parse the URL by calling ParseDomain, after receiving site name, this function pass the site name to each service's CeBDomainDataMgr::OnDocumentComplete.
- j) DownloadBegin()  
*This function will call each eBoodle service's OnDownloadBegin.*

- k) CommandStateChange(long command, VARIANT\_BOOL enable)  
*This function keeps track of actions relate to forward and backward buttons.*
- l) NavigateComplete2(IDispatch \*pDisp, VARIANT \*Url)
- m) ExecCommand(BSTR name, BSTR value)
- n) Login()  
*This function is called by CeBoodleView::OnLogin indirectly, and then it enumerates through and calls each service's eBLogin member function.*
- o) Logout(int lo)
- p) Reload()

#### D. Services

CeBDomainDataMgr implements both leBService and leBDomainDataMgr.

##### 1. leBService

###### a) Methods

- (1) OnBeforeNavigate([in] IDispatch\* pDisp, [in] VARIANT\* URL, [in] BSTR domain);
- (2) OnNavigateComplete([in] IDispatch\* pDisp, [in] VARIANT\* URL, [in] BSTR domain);
- (3) OnDocComplete([in] IDispatch\* pDisp, [in] VARIANT\* URL, [in] BSTR domain, [in] long pageDownloaded);  
(a) *This function receives site name and last frame indicator from CeBDomainTracker::DocumentComplete.*
- (4) ExecCommand(BSTR, BSTR, IDispatch \*);
- (5) eBLogin();  
(a) *This function check if the current login domain is eBoodle.com first, if it is the current domain, it set m\_currentdomain by current URL.*  
(b) *Then it calls CeBDomainDataMgr::Login.*  
(c) *This function calls CeBComModule::put\_UserLogged and set CeBComModule::m\_userlogged to TRUE.*
- (6) eBLogout([in] int lo);  
*This function calls CeBComModule::put\_UserLogged and set CeBComModule::m\_userlogged to FALSE.*
- (7) Shutdown();
- (8) OnDownloadBegin();
- (9) OnDownloadComplete();
- (10) Reload();
- (11) get\_BrowseMode(/\*[out, retval]\*/ VARIANT\_BOOL \*pVal);
- (12) put\_BrowseMode(/\*[in]\*/ VARIANT\_BOOL newVal);  
*This function is called by CeBDomainTracker::CommandStateChange to keep track of command changes - forward and backward.*

##### 2. leBDomainDataMgr

###### a) Methods

- (1) IsBeginCheckout([in] BSTR url);
- (2) IsOrderConfirm([in] BSTR url, VARIANT\* retVal, VARIANT\* action);
- (3) UpdateDoc([in] BSTR, [in] IDispatch \*);
- (4) RequestData(BSTR);
- (5) Login(BSTR domain, LPDISPATCH \* domainData);
- (6) EnumData([out, retval] LPDISPATCH \*pVal);
- (7) SendDocUpdates([in] IDispatch \*, [in] BSTR url);  
(a) *Ccheck if user has logon already, if not, returns. If user has logged*

*in, then continues.*

- (8) SendDoc(BSTR domain, IDispatch\* pages, VARIANT\* event);
- (9) SendBasket(IDispatch \* pBrowser, BSTR domain);

### 3. CeBDomainDataMgr

#### a) Attributes

```

HWND          m_ParenthWnd;
BOOL          m_requestSentForData;
BOOL          m_requestSentForScript;
_bstr_t       m_currentDomain;
_bstr_t       EBoodleHome;
Hardcoded to "eboodle".
_bstr_t       m_cashbackDomain;
_bstr_t       m_basketUrl;
CComBSTR      m_homeUrl;
CComBSTR      m_homeSUrl;
CComBSTR      m_shopBaseUrl;
CComBSTR      m_shopSecureBaseUrl;
CComBSTR      m_transactBaseUrl;
CComBSTR      m_logFail;
CComBSTR      m_loginPage;
CComBSTR      m_walletPage;
CComBSTR      m_showTransaction;
CComBSTR      m_lastURL;
HANDLE        m_hEventRequest;
HANDLE        m_hloginRequest;
BOOL          m_validsequence;
BOOL          m_bmode;
BOOL          m_pagecomplete;
BOOL          m_AttemptLoginFail ;
Long          m_mainBrwsrHWND;
Bool          m_newuidPasswds ;
BOOL          m_firstCBDomainRequest;

```

```
CComPtr<IeBDomainDataObjectCollection> m_domainCollection ;
```

```

CComPtr<IeBDomainDataObject>          m_domainData;
This object is created in CeBDomainDataMgr::FinalConstruct or
CeBDomainDataMgr::_AddScript
CComPtr<IeBDomainDataObject>          m_hiddenKeyVals;

```

```
CComPtr<IeBDomainDataObject>          m_listNewVars;
```

```
CComPtr<IeBDomainDataObject>          m_listoldVars;
```

```
CComPtr<IeBComModule>                 m_ebModule;
```

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1. This object is created in CeBDomainDataMgr::FinalConstruct to store user related information for all browser windows in the same process.

CComPtr<IeBConnect>	m_webConnection;
CComPtr<IeBConnect>	m_DomainDataConnection;
CComPtr<IeBConnect>	m_confirmScriptConnection;
CComPtr<IWebBrowser2>	m_viewBrowser;
CComPtr<IeBGlobalInterfaceHolder>	m_pGIH;
eBFormFill::FormFillStatus	m_ff;

b) Methods

- (1) IsHome(BSTR domain)  
*This inline function verifies if the current domain is "eboodle".*
- (2) SetCashBackMode(\_bstr\_t& cashbackSite)
  - (a) eb\_cbDomain:
  - (b) eb\_new: fresh copy or not.
  - (c) eb\_domain:
  - (d) eb\_vscore: bizrate merchant rating.
  - (e) eb\_biz\_vid: bizrate vendor ID.
  - (f) eb\_biz\_vgrp: bizrate merchant group.
  - (g) eb\_trx\_sent: text sent to the server.
- (3) UpdateLoginStatus(IDispatch \*pDisp)
- (4) AttemptLogin(\_bstr\_t& domain)  
*This function get the "eb\_userid" cookie from server and set cookie value through CeBComModule::put\_CurrentUser, which can be shared for all browser windows in a internet explorer process.*

4. eBNSComm – transaction tracking service
5. eBNSFormFill – Form filling service

E. Drag and Drop

1. CeBNSDataSource
2. CeBNSDropSource

F. Netscape related Interfaces and Classes

1. CeBNSBrowser
2. CeBNSDataSource
3. CeBNSDropSource
4. eBNSComm
5. eBNSFormFill

G. Miscellaneous Interfaces and Classes

1. IeBComModule

The purpose of this class is to store information common to all instances of browsers in a process, such as current user, user logged, and viewer handle.

a) Attributes

CCoMBSR M\_currentUser;

This is the user ID of current user, the value is set by CeBComModule::put\_CurrentUser, and the value is stored with the cookie string "eb\_userid".

HandleList m\_eBViewhWnds;

BOOL m\_userlogged;

The value is set in the CeBDomainDataMgr class, the following three functions

1. CeBDomainDataMgr::eBLogin() set its value to TRUE.
2. CeBDomainDataMgr::eBLogout set its value to FALSE.
3. CeBDomainDataMgr::UpdateLoginStatus set its value if m\_ebModule is valid.

CRITICAL\_SECTION m\_csObjMap;

LONG m\_cbCount;

LONG m\_currentViewHandle;

2. IeBGlobalInterfaceHolder

3. IeBLogin

4. IebMainBrowserProxy

a) IOleObjectWithSite Methods

- (1) SetSite(UNKNOWN \*pUnkSite);

b) DWebBrowserEvents2 Methods<sup>5</sup>

- (1) Recalc()
- (2) StatusTextChange(BSTR Text)  
*Statusbar text changed.*
- (3) ProgressChange(long Progress, long ProgressMax)  
*Fired when download progress is updated.*
- (4) CommandStateChange(long Command, VARIANT\_BOOL Enable)  
*The enabled state of a command changed.*
- (5) DownloadBegin()  
*Download of a page started.*
- (6) DownloadComplete()  
*Download of page complete.*
- (7) TitleChange(BSTR Text)  
*Document title changed.*
- (8) PropertyChange(BSTR szProperty)  
*Fired when the PutProperty method has been called.*
- (9) BeforeNavigate2(IDispatch\* pDisp, VARIANT\* URL, VARIANT\* Flags, VARIANT\* TargetFrameName, VARIANT\* postData, VARIANT\* Headers, VARIANT\_BOOL\* Cancel)  
*Fired before navigate occurs in the given WebBrowser (window or frameset element). The processing of this navigation may be modified.*
- (10) NewWindow2(IDispatch\*\* ppDisp, VARIANT\_BOOL\* Cancel)  
*A new, hidden, non-navigated WebBrowser window is needed.*
- (11) NavigateComplete2(IDispatch\* pDisp, VARIANT\* URL)

<sup>5</sup> . EXDISP.IDL in Visual Studio 98



*Fired when the document being navigated to becomes visible and enters the navigation stack.*

(12) DocumentComplete(IDispatch\* pDisp, VARIANT\* URL)  
*Fired when the document being navigated to reaches ReadyState\_Complete.*

(13) OnQuit()  
*Fired when application is quitting.*

(14) OnVisible(VARIANT\_BOOL Visible)  
*Fired when the window should be shown/hidden.*

(15) OnToolBar(VARIANT\_BOOL ToolBar)  
*Fired when the toolbar should be shown/hidden.*

(16) OnMenuBar(VARIANT\_BOOL MenuBar)  
*Fired when the menubar should be shown/hidden.*

(17) OnStatusBar(VARIANT\_BOOL StatusBar)  
*Fired when the statusbar should be shown/hidden.*

(18) OnFullScreen(VARIANT\_BOOL FullScreen)  
*Fired when fullscreen mode should be on/off.*

(19) OnTheaterMode(VARIANT\_BOOL TheaterMode)  
*Fired when theater mode should be on/off.*

c) IebMainBrowserProxy Methods

- (1) Init(/\*[in]\*/ long)
- (2) eBVersion( /\*[out, retval]\*/ BSTR\* pVal)
- (3) UnInstall(BSTR )
- (4) GetRegState(BSTR svc ,BSTR, BSTR \*)
- (5) SetRegState(BSTR svc ,BSTR key, BSTR val)
- (6) get\_browser(/\*[out, retval]\*/ LPDISPATCH \*pVal)
- (7) put\_browser(/\*[in]\*/ LPDISPATCH newVal)
- (8) get\_NSBrowser(/\*[out, retval]\*/ LPDISPATCH\* pVal)
- (9) put\_NSBrowser(/\*[in]\*/LPDISPATCH newVal)
- (10) get\_TopMost(/\*[out, retval]\*/ short \*pVal)
- (11) put\_TopMost(/\*[in]\*/ short newVal)
- (12) eBSendMessage(long hwnd,int msg, int param, BSTR msg)  
*Get the current view handle from the cookie and send the message.*
- (13) eBVersion2(BSTR obj, BSTR \* pVal)
- (14) Canonicalize(VARIANT \* bstring,VARIANT \* ostring)  
*Convert data format.*
- (15) Navigate2(VARIANT \*, VARIANT \*, VARIANT \*, VARIANT \*, VARIANT \*)
- (16) Page(BSTR \* currentPage)
- (17) FrameBrowser(long cookie, LPDISPATCH \* browser)
- (18) get\_Advise(/\*[out, retval]\*/ short \*pVal)
- (19) put\_Advise(/\*[in]\*/ short newVal)

5. IeBNSBrowser

6. CeBoodleView

a) IeBoodleViewUI Methods

- (1) OnSearch([in]VARIANT Url);
- (2) OnSelectCC(VARIANT);
- (3) SendData(VARIANT \*, VARIANT \*, VARIANT \*, VARIANT \*, VARIANT \*);
- (4) OnLogin();
- (5) OnSelectAddress(VARIANT);
- (6) OnLogout([in] int lo);
- (7) Initialize();
- (8) Login();

- (9) CreateViewWindow(long \*pHViewWnd, long hParentWnd, RECT rect);
- (10) MinimizeEB(int x, int y, int barStyle);
- (11) Advise(DWORD dwBrowserCookie);
- (12) SaveLoginInfo(BSTR username, BSTR password);
- b) leBoodleView Methods
  - (1) Window([out, retval]long\* phwnd)
- 7. CeBToolbar
- H. Global constants, global variables, and Utility Functions
  - 1. Global constants in eBconst.h.

```

eb_PromptUser          L"promptUser";
eb_DomainUID            L"eb_userid";
eb_DomainPASSWORDS     L"eb_domainpasswds";
eb_ConfirmOrderScriptID L"eb_confirmURL";
eb_ConfirmCheckOutID    L"eb_checkoutURL";
eb_ConfirmOrderID       L"eb_confirm";
eb_CancelOrderID        L"eb_cancel";
eb_OneclickOrderID      L"eb_oneclick";
eb_AttributeURL         L"eb_url";
eb_AttribIdDomainData   L"eb_domaindata";
eb_AttribIdLogin        L"eb_login";
eb_AttribIdMultCC       L"eb_cc";
eb_AttribMultCCIndex    L"eb_index";
eb_AttribDomainAliases  L"eb_aliases";
eb_AttribIdMultADDRS    L"eb_addr";
eb_TransactionId        L"eb_transction";
eb_FuncScriptId         L"eb_functions";
eb_Headers              L"Content-Type:application/x-www-form-urlencoded";
eb_Action               L"eb_action";
eb_getCartURL           L"eb_getCartURL";
eb_CartURL              L"eb_cartURL";
eb_Ddpage               L"eb_ddpage";
eb_UDDpage              L"eb_uddpage";
EbGIHProgID             L"EBoodle.eBGlobalInterfaceHolder";
EbCookie                L"cookie";
eb_ToggleCashBackMode   L"eb_CashBackMode";
eb_cbDomain             L"eb_cbdomain";
EbViewHwnd              L"eb_hview";
eb_SetSatus             L"eb_status";
eb_FF                   L"eb_ff";
eb_vscore               L"eb_vscore";
eb_biz_vid              L"eb_biz_vid";
Vendor ID
eb_biz_vgrp             L"eb_biz_vgrp";

```

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```

Vendor group
eb_trx_sent          L"eb_trx_sent";
eb_on                L"on";
eb_pageddownloaded  L"eb_pd";
eb_AddrType          L"eb_addrtype";
eb_Ship              L"ship";
eb_Bill              L"bill";
eb_eboodle           L"eBoodle";
eb_homeDomain        L"bizrate";
eb_AutoLaunch        L"AutoLaunch";
eb_userScript        L"u.jsp";
eb_functionsScript   L"functionsScript.htm";
eb_LoginPage         L"su.send_login_page";
eb_PluginStoreuserPassword L"su.storeUserPassword";
eb_AutoCompleteAsk   L"save_password.jsp";
eb_PromptSaveData    L"i_saveuserdata.jsp";
eb_SaveUserData       L"su.saveUserData";
eb_PluginStoreOrderPage L"store_browser_event.pl";
eb_GetRewards        L"su.getRewardsPage?uid=";
eb_PluginStoreBasketContent L"";
eb_SessionLogout     L"eboodle_session.logout2";
eb_SessionLogoutAll  L"eboodle_session.logout";

```

## 2. ebComUtil.cpp

- a) `BOOL EAddDocument(CComBSTR& scriptname ,CComBSTR& domain,CComPtr<IWebBrowser2>& spBrowser , CComPtr<leBDomainDataObject>& domainData)`
- b) `BOOL EAddScript(CComBSTR& scriptname ,CComBSTR& domain,CComPtr<IWebBrowser2>& spBrowser , CComPtr<leBDomainDataObject>& domainData)`
- c) `BOOL EAddAllScript(CComBSTR& domain,CComPtr<IWebBrowser2>& spBrowser , CComPtr<leBDomainDataObject>& domainData)`
- d) `BOOL EAddKeyValData(CComBSTR& domain, CComPtr<IWebBrowser2>& spBrowser , CComPtr<leBDomainDataObject>& domainData, CComVariant& retval , CComVariant& alias )`
- e) `BOOL EExec( CComBSTR& scriptId, BSTR domain, CComBSTR& input, CComBSTR& inputVal, CComPtr<IWebBrowser2>& spBrowser , CComPtr<leBDomainDataObject>& domainData, CComVariant& retval )`  
Execute script

- f) `BOOL EBExec( CComBSTR& scriptId, BSTR domain, KeyValuePairs& keyvals , CComPtr<IWebBrowser2>& spBrowser , CComPtr<leBDomainDataObject>& domainData, CComVariant& retval )`
- g) `BOOL EBExecDoc( CComBSTR& scriptId, BSTR domain, KeyValuePairs& keyvals , CComPtr<leBDomainDataObject>& domainData, CComPtr<IHTMLDocument2>& pdoc , CComVariant& retval )`
- h) `BOOL EBExecAllDoc( CComBSTR& scriptId, BSTR domain, KeyValuePairs& keyvals , CComPtr<IHTMLDocument2>& pdoc , CComPtr<leBDomainDataObject>& domainData, CComVariant& retval )`
- i) `BOOL EBAddKeyData(const wchar_t * key, IHTMLElement * baselem, CComPtr<leBDomainDataObject>& domainData)`
- j) `HRESULT EBAddAttributes(IHTMLElement* baselem, CComPtr<leBDomainDataObject>& domainData)`
- k) `HRESULT FindFormValue( IHTMLDocument2 * pHTMLDocument2, _bstr_t& searchkey , _bstr_t& newVal, BOOL& isPassword)`
- l) `HRESULT FindFormValueInFrames(IDispatch * pDispatch, _bstr_t& searchkey , _bstr_t& newVal, BOOL& isPassword)`
- m) `void ParseDomain(BSTR fullUrl, _bstr_t& indomain)`  
*This function receives a URL from the first parameter, parse the URL, and send the domain name back via the second parameter. For example, if the first parameter receives "http://www.bizrate.com/search/sub\_cat\_index.xpml?cat\_id=2", then the second parameter pass "bizrate" back to the caller.*
- n) `void GetDomain(wchar_t * FullHostDomain, wchar_t *& Domain)`
- o) `void BreakDomain(wchar_t * FullHostDomain, wchar_t *& Domain)`
- p) `BOOL MakeSafeArray( variant_t& varArray, const char* strData )`
- q) `BOOL MakeSafeArray( variant_t& varArray, const wchar_t * strData )`
- r) `int ReplaceString(wchar_t * src, _bstr_t& newKey , wchar_t * replaceWhat, wchar_t * replaceWith )`
- s) `int Trim(CComBSTR& str)`
- t) `void ebCannocalize(std::basic_string<wchar_t>& spage)`
- u) `DWORD CreateCookie( HWND h)`
- v) `DWORD CreateCookie( CComPtr<IWebBrowser2>& pwb)`
- w) `BOOL eBWaitWithMessageLoop( HANDLE hEvent)`
- x) `BOOL EBBasketUrl( CComBSTR& scriptId, BSTR domain, CComBSTR& input, CComPtr<IWebBrowser2>& spscriptBrowser , CComPtr<IWebBrowser2>& spBrowser , CComPtr<leBDomainDataObject>& domainData, CComVariant * url, CComVariant *retval)`
- y) `HRESULT GetHREF(IDispatch * pElement, REFIID riid, CComBSTR& href)`
- z) `HRESULT GetPage(IDispatch * pdisp, CComBSTR& page)`
- aa) `HRESULT SetPage(IDispatch * pdisp, CComBSTR& page)`
- bb) `HRESULT EBGetModuleName(BSTR object, CComBSTR &modulename)`
- cc) `HRESULT EBGetCookie(IWebBrowser2* browser, BSTR cookieName , CComBSTR& value)`
- dd) `HRESULT EBSetCookie(IWebBrowser2* browser, BSTR cookieName , CComBSTR& value)`

- A. bar\_index.htm
1. doinit()  
This function set registry values for the bar.

## VI. Appendix

- A. Naming Conventions
1. For member functions respond to event directly, prefix with underscore.  
Examples are \_AddScript(), \_CheckResults(), and \_CheckAccount().
- B. Program Files

NAME	Interface/class	Comment	
EBconst.h	N/A	Constants	

### C. Registry Settings

1. Default.inf and eboodleE.inf are the files to load registry values.
2. Keys and their values

a) [HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\eboodle]

eBLoginPage      [http://shakti.eboodle.com:8080/bizzybar/frame\\_shoppi](http://shakti.eboodle.com:8080/bizzybar/frame_shoppi)  
Login page used by CeBDomainDataMgr::AttemptLogin.

eBLoginProcess   [https://shakti.eboodle.com:444/bizzybar/bar\\_login\\_pr](https://shakti.eboodle.com:444/bizzybar/bar_login_pr)  
Login URL used by CeBoodleView::AutoLogin

eBLoginData      userid=@USERID@&passwd=@PASSWD@  
Used by CeBoodleView::AutoLogin

eBLogout          <http://shakti.eboodle.com:8080/logout.xpml>  
Logout handling script

eBLogFail        [http://shakti.eboodle.com:8080/bizzybar/frame\\_login](http://shakti.eboodle.com:8080/bizzybar/frame_login).

EBBar             <http://shakti.eboodle.com:8080/bizzybar/index.ht>

EBHome           <http://shakti.eboodle.com:8080>

EBSecHome        <https://shakti.eboodle.com:444>  
Secure HTTP URL

EBTO             <http://shakti.eboodle.com:8080/bizzybar/timeout>.  
Timeout handling script

EBTb             [http://shakti.eboodle.com:8080/bizzybar/bar\\_icon](http://shakti.eboodle.com:8080/bizzybar/bar_icon)  
For the three states of eBoodle bar, this script handles the icon

EBKA             <http://shakti.eboodle.com:8080/bizzybar/ka.xpml>

EBHomeDomain    Eboodle  
Current domain name

EBCodeName       Bizzybar

AutoLaunch       TRUE

EBTransTracking   N  
Enable or disable transaction tracking

**eBLearnUIDPassVars N**

Enable or disable the automatic filling of user id and password.

Timeout	20
Miny	44
Maxy	44

## b) [HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Boodle\Bsvcs]:

1 {F7D557E6-0964-11D3-A270-0060976E9E6A}

Class ID of EBoodle.eBDomainDataMgr.1

2 {B4F2B3C8-B891-11D3-95E1-0060976E9E6A}

## c) [HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Boodle\Shop]

eBHome http://shakti.eboodle.com:8080/svcs/req/

EBSSHome https://shakti.eboodle.com:444/svcs/req/

Secure HTTP URL

EBWpage http://shakti.eboodle.com:8080/bizzybar/frame\_fillform.ht

Obsolete

## d) [HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Boodle\Transact]

EBHome http://shakti.eboodle.com:8080/svcf/

EBTShow N

Enable or disable transaction tracking

RebateKW |mid=,!!id=

Affiliate program ID for transaction tracking

## D. Files

1. index.html
2. bar\_index.htm
3. eboodle.js
4. eboodle2.js
5. vendor.htm

## VII. Glossary

1. Browser companion

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